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SUBJECT: UNCTAD GROUP OF EXPERTS ON PORT CONGESTION

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1. MISSION REQUESTED TO REPLY TO SYG'S TD 607/5 (9-1)
OF JANUARY 12, 1976, SENT REPAIR ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

A) USG VIEWS CONVOCAION OF GROUP OF EXPERTS ON PORT
CONGESTION AS POSITIVE STEP IN FOCUSING ATTENTION ON THE
NEED FOR PRACTICAL EFFORTS TO RESOLVE PROBLEM;

B) IN THIS REGARD, US GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND OFFICIALS
ARE CURRENTLY WORKING CLOSELY WITH A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS
OF COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING CHRONIC PORT CONGESTION;

C) IN AN EFFORT TO ASSIST THE SECRETARIAT IN THE ORGANIZA-
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TION OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS MEETING, USG RECOMMENDS SYG

GIVE CONSIDERATION TO NAMING MR. ARMOUR S. ARMSTRONG, DIRECTOR OF PORT AND INTERMODAL DEVELOPMENT, MARITIME ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, WASHINGTON, D.C., TO BE A MEMBER OF THE GROUP. USG BELIEVES MR. ARMSTRONG TO BE VERY QUALIFIED TO ADDRESS THE SUBJECT OF PORT CONGESTION. IN THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS HE HAS,

INTER ALIA, LED A PORT SURVEY TEAM TO IRAN WHICH HAS SINCE MADE APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THAT GOVERNMENT. CURRENTLY, HE IS SERVING AS AN ADVOSOR TO THE SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT, AT ITS REQUEST, ON IMPROVING THE OPERATION OF THAT NATION'S SEAPORTS.

D) MR. ARMSTRONG WOULD BE AVAILABLE DURING THE TIME PERIOD SET ASIDE FOR THE MEETING. THE USG WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF THE SYG'S DECISION ON THE FOREGOING ASAP SO THAT ARRANGEMENTS THAT MAY BE NECESSARY CAN BE MADE.

2. COPY OF ARMSTRONG'S C.V. BEING AIRPOUCHED TO ROBERT ALLEN FOR FORWARDING TO SECRETARIAT AS FOLLOW-UP TO FOREGOING WHICH SHOULD BE SENT TO SYG AS SOONAS POSSIBLE. KISSINGER

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